RESOLUTION 2004-21

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATEWIDE TRANSIT FUND, AND INCREASE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD FUND

WHEREAS: the City of Española is committed to encouraging alternative modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS: public transportation is key to the quality of life and economic opportunities for New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS: public transit systems work to reduce the congestion of motor vehicle traffic by providing transportation options for residents; and

WHEREAS: public transportation would reduce noise and air pollution; and

WHEREAS: public transportation would extend the life of New Mexico's existing roadways by easing the traffic burden; and

WHEREAS: it is not enough to have and efficient state highway system, but rather it is essential that an effective, efficient transportation system be in place within counties and municipalities in order to provide for the safe and efficient movement of people, goods and services; and

WHEREAS: transportation should be viewed not just as the state highway system, but as a complete network of state and municipal streets, roads, bridges and transit systems; and

WHEREAS: there is an increasing need to establish a Statewide Transit Fund to match the federal dollar requirement(s) of the Federal Transit Administration and other federal funding agencies; and

WHEREAS: the City of Española has supported other legislation related to enhancing New Mexico public transit expansion; and

WHEREAS: New Mexico remains one of only three states that does not provide state funding for public transportation; and

WHEREAS: the New Mexico State Legislature will be asked to increase the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax by 1%, --1/3% to State Transit Fund, 1/3% to Local Government Road Fund and 1/3% to State Road Fund and

WHEREAS: this increase in Motor Vehicle Excise Tax will sustain adequate funding for a Statewide Transit Fund and increase the Local Government Road Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Española supports new and additional funding, for the establishment of a Statewide Transit Fund and increase in the Local Government Road Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Española, the Governor and the Legislature work to establish and implement such legislation for the betterment of all New Mexicans.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th day of January 2005.

Richard L. Lucero, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee G. Archuleta, City Clerk